

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Connect America Fund

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WC Docket No. 10-90

State of Missouri

County of Boone

AFFIDAVIT OF R. MATTHEW KOHLY

COMES NOW R. MATTHEW KOHLY, of lawful age, sound mind and being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. My name is R. Matthew Kohly. I am the Director – Carrier and Government Relations for Socket Telecom, LLC ("Socket")
2. Socket is a Missouri limited liability company in good standing with its principal place of business being 2703 Clark Lane, Columbia, MO 65202. Socket is an authorized provider of local exchange and intrastate interexchange telecommunications services under certificates issued by the Missouri Public Service Commission and interstate telecommunications services under the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission. In addition to providing voice services, Socket is also a provider of broadband services including providing broadband services over its fiber to the home network that was recently constructed in portions of Boone and Callaway Counties of Missouri. Socket's FRN used when filing its Form 477 with the FCC is 008515595.
3. Socket presently offers residential customers voice services bundled with broadband services with speeds up to 30Mb/3mb for residential customers over its fiber to the home network. In addition, customers can purchase stand-alone broadband service. A complete list of Socket's residential bundles and standalone broadband services that are

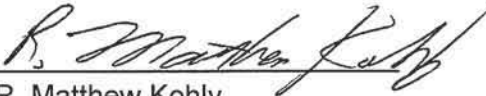
available over Socket's fiber to the home network can be found at <http://www.socket.net/fiber/plans>.

4. A map of Socket's fiber territory is available for potential customers and others to view at <http://www.socket.net/fiber-map>. Socket either has voice and broadband customers located in these census blocks today or is capable of turning up voice and broadband services to new customers in these census blocks by, at most, installing a drop from its existing distribution facilities to the customer's premise. In some cases, Socket will already have drops into the premises of potential new customers.
5. Socket serves this area as an unsubsidized competitor in that Socket is a facilities-based provider of residential terrestrial fixed voice and broadband service that does not receive high-cost support Federal Universal Service Fund for serving this territory.
6. A portion of this service area includes Census Blocks that were deemed initially eligible for Phase II support. A list of those Census Blocks that were deemed eligible but are served by Socket's voice and broadband service over its fiber to the home network are identified on the attached FCC's Form 505 as well as shown on the attached .kmz file.
7. The FCC directed the Bureau to commence the Phase II challenge process using the standards established in the 2013 Phase II Service Obligations Order¹. In order to qualify as "served" by an unsubsidized competitor, the census block must have voice service and broadband service with pricing that is reasonably comparable to that for similar services in an urban area. In addition, the broadband service must offer speeds of at least 4 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream, a usage allowance of at least 100 GB, and latency of 100 ms or less.²
8. Socket's service offerings available throughout the list of attached Census Blocks exceed the the FCC's speed requirements. In addition, Socket does not impose usage caps on its service offerings and meets the latency requirements. In addition, Socket charges the same price for services in these Census Blocks as it does in other Census Blocks that are considered to be within the city limits of Fulton, MO which is less rural. These prices are comparable to the prices charged by other providers in urban areas.
9. Based upon Socket's service offerings and their availability throughout the list of attached census blocks, Socket is considered an unsubsidized broadband and voice provider that meets the Commission's performance and pricing criteria. For this reason, Socket challenges the incumbents' eligibility to receive funding for the attached list of census blocks and contends the incumbent should not receive funding for these census blocks.

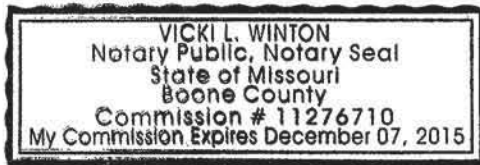
¹ Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order et al., FCC 14-54, para. 90 (rel. June 10, 2014); see also Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, Report and Order, 28 FCC Rcd 15060 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013) (Phase II Service Obligations Order).


² Phase II Service Obligations Order, 28 FCC Rcd at 15076-80, paras. 39-47.

I hereby swear and affirm that my statements contained in this affidavit are true and correct to the best of knowledge, information and belief.


R. Matthew Kohly

Subscribed and Sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 13th day of August, 2014




Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 12/7/15
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